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Honorable William J. Casey Director Central Intelligence Agency Washington, DC 20505

The committee herewith submits to you the enclosed bill, H.R. 2889 upon which the committee would appreciate a prompt report, together with such comment as you may desire to make.

Will you kindly transmit your reply in triplicate.

Respectfully,

Chairman.

Enclosure.



99TH CONGRESS H. R. 2889

To amend the Act establishing the National Bureau of Standards to provide for a computer security research program within such Bureau, and to provide for the training of Federal employees who are involved in the management, operation, and use of automated information processing systems.

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JUNE 27, 1985

Mr. GLICKMAN (for himself, Mr. FUQUA, Mr. BROOKS, Mr. BROWN of California, Mr. WIRTH, Mr. WALGREN, Mr. NELSON of Florida, Mr. WYDEN, Mr. HUGHES, Mr. LEWIS of Florida, and Mr. HORTON) introduced the following bill; which was referred jointly to the Committees on Science and Technology and Government Operations

A BILL

- To amend the Act establishing the National Bureau of Standards to provide for a computer security research program within such Bureau, and to provide for the training of Federal employees who are involved in the management, operation, and use of automated information processing systems.
 - 1 Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-
 - 2 tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,
 - 3 SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

Service Service (1888)

- 4 This Act may be cited as the "Computer Security
- 5 Research and Training Act of 1985".

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SEC 2	FINDINGS.
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2	The Congress finds that—
3	(1) in recent years the Federal Government has
4	become highly dependent on automated information
5	processing systems for carrying out many of its
6	missions;
7	(2) the Government operates about 20,000
8	medium- and large-scale mainframe computers, and by
9	the end of this decade it will also have approximately
10	half a million micro- and mini-computers;
11	(3) the information stored in Government comput-
12	ers and transmitted over the various communications
13	networks that connect them represent valued property
14	that is vulnerable to unauthorized access and disclo-
15	sure, fraudulent manipulation, and disruption;
16	(4) studies of computer-related fraud and abuse in
17	Government agencies indicate a costly and widespread
18	problem of significant proportions;
·19	(5) Government efforts to address the problems of
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26	lems are to be solved, since the weak link in protecting

1	the information stored, processed, and transmitted by
2	Government computers remains the people who
3	manage, use, and operate them.
4	SEC. 3. ESTABLISHMENT OF COMPUTER SECURITY RESEARCH
5	PROGRAM.
6	The Act of March 3, 1901 (15 U.S.C. 271-278h), is
7	amended by redesignating section 18 as section 19, and by
8	inserting after section 17 the following new section:
9	"SEC. 18. (a) The National Bureau of Standards shall
10	establish and conduct a computer security research program
11	to address the problems of computer security in the Federal
12	Government, with primary emphasis upon the prevention of
13	computer-related fraud and abuse through the training of em-
14	ployees in computer security awareness and good security
15	practice.
16	"(b) The program shall—
17	"(1) perform research and conduct studies to de-
18	termine the nature and extent of computer security
19	vulnerability in Federal agencies and their contractors;
20	"(2) devise administrative, management, and tech-
21	nical procedures and practices designed to protect the
22	information stored, processed, and transmitted by
23	Government computers; and
24	"(3) develop guidelines for use by Federal agen-
25	cies in training their employees, and the employees of

at other organizations whose
their contractors and of other organizations whose
2 computers interface with Government computers, in
3 computer security awareness and good security
4 practice.".
5 SEC. 4. TRAINING BY FEDERAL AGENCIES IN COMPUTER
6 SECURITY.
7 (a) In General.—Each Federal agency shall provide
8 mandatory periodic training in computer security, under the
9 guidelines developed pursuant to section 18(b)(3) of the Act
10 of March 3, 1901 (as added by section 3 of this Act), and in
11 accordance with the regulations issued under subsection (c) of
12 this section, for all of its employees who are involved with
13 the management, use, or operation of computers or other
14 automated information systems and for all of the employees
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17 face with Government computers. Training under this sec-
18 (b) Training Objectives.—Training under this sec-
19 tion shall begin within 60 days after the issuance of the regu-
20 lations described in subsection (c), and shall be designed—
21 (1) to enhance employees' awareness of the
threats to and vulnerability of computer and communi-
23 cations systems; and
24 (2) to encourage the use of improved computer
25 security practices at Government facilities.

- 1 (c) REGULATIONS.—Within six months after the date of
- 2 the enactment of this Act, the Director of the Office of Per-
- 3 sonnel Management shall issue regulations prescribing in
- 4 detail the procedures and scope of the training to be provided
- 5 by Federal agencies under subsection (a) and the manner in
- 6 which such training is to be carried out.
- 7 SEC. 5. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.
- 8 There are hereby authorized to be appropriated to the
- 9 National Bureau of Standards for the fiscal year 1987, to
- 10 carry out the computer security research program under sec-
- 11 tion 18 of the Act of March 3, 1901 (as added by section 3 of
- 12 this Act), such sums as may be necessary.

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